

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Akinobu Sato, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/573,942  
Filing Date: March 29, 2006  
Title: Solid surface smoothing  
method and apparatus therefor  
Conf. No. 5411

Examiner: Michael A. Band

Art Unit: 1723

May 23, 2011  
Fremont, California

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants request a two-month extension of time in which to submit this Response to Office Action. This extension extends the deadline for submission until May 23, 2011.



David N. Lathrop

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the office action mailed December 22, 2010 (referred to herein as "Office Action").

An additional fee is due, calculated as follows:

	<u>After Amendment</u>	<u>Already Paid For</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
Independent Claims:	6	3	3	\$660
Total Claims:	14	20	0	0
Mult. Dep. Claims:	yes	yes	--	0
IDS:				180
<u>Extension of Time:</u>				<u>490</u>
Total Fee Due:				\$1330

Payment of the fee by credit card is being authorized with the submission of this response.